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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: S. Res. 33, Investigation of the Administration of the Civil Service System and the Postal Service

In accordance with your request, the subject resolution has been reviewed in order to determine if it is of interest to the Agency. It appears to pertain to the Post Office and Federal agencies subject to the provisions of the Classification Act of 1949, rather than CIA. However, if subsequent Congressional developments indicate that the bill includes the Agency's excepted positions, consideration should be given to the Agency's exemption from the bill so that the external disclosure of intelligence sources and methods will not be required.

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HARRISON G. REYNOLDS
Director of Personnel



NOTICE OF PENDING LEGISLATION		DATE
		LEGISLATIVE BILL NO. S. Res. 33
SECTION I GENERAL		
TO :		FROM: LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
THE ATTACHED BILL, WHICH HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO CONGRESS, IS:		
<input type="checkbox"/> SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATION ONLY.		
<input type="checkbox"/> A BILL ON WHICH FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> IS <input type="checkbox"/> IS NOT PREDICTED.		
<input type="checkbox"/> SENT FOR YOUR COMMENT AS TO WHETHER IT IS OF INTEREST TO CIA ACTIVITIES, AND WHETHER FURTHER ACTION BY THIS OFFICE IS NECESSARY OR DESIRED.		
<div>IT IS REQUESTED THAT COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS LEGISLATION BE FORWARDED, THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS, TO THIS OFFICE, BY _____</div>		
SECTION II COMMENTS (From Original Addressee)		
TO : LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL		FROM:
20 April 1955 84/1		
Mr. Johnston of South Carolina		
For an investigation of the administration of the Civil Service Commission.		
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84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 33

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1955

Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

APRIL 13, 1955

Reported by Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina, with amendments

[Insert the part printed in italic]

APRIL 20 (legislative day, APRIL 18), 1955

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Post Office and Civil
2 Service, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is
3 authorized and directed to make a full and complete study
4 and investigation with respect to (1) the administration of
5 the Civil Service System by the Civil Service Commission
6 and other agencies of the Government, and (2) the admin-
7 istration by the Post Office Department of the postal service,
8 particularly with respect to postal rates, procedures, employee
9 relations, and research and development with the view to
10 greater operating economy and efficiency, and to report to the

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1 Senate not later than January 31, 1956, the results of its
2 study and investigation together with such recommenda-
3 tions as it may deem advisable.

4 SEC. 2. For the purposes of this resolution, the com-
5 mittee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is
6 authorized until January 31, 1956, to employ upon a
7 temporary basis such technical, clerical, and other assistants
8 as it deems advisable. The expenses of the committee under
9 this resolution, which shall not exceed \$75,000, shall be paid
10 from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers
11 approved by the chairman of the committee.

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SENATE

} REPORT
No. 137

INVESTIGATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM AND THE POSTAL SERVICE

APRIL 13, 1955.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina, from the Committee on Post Office
and Civil Service, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. Res. 33]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the resolution (S. Res. 33) to provide funds for making studies with respect to the administration of the civil-service system by the Civil Service Commission and other agencies of the Government, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the resolution as amended be agreed to by the Senate.

PURPOSE

Senate Resolution 33 as introduced authorized a study and investigation of the administration of the civil-service system by the Civil Service Commission and other agencies of the Government. The resolution as amended extends the scope of the study and investigation to administration by the Post Office Department of the postal service, particularly with respect to postal rates, procedures, employee relations, and research and development with the view to greater operating economy and efficiency.

JUSTIFICATION

The committee has received hundreds of complaints from present and former Federal employees alleging violations of the Veterans' Preference Act and other civil-service laws throughout the Federal service. Most numerous among these complaints are charges of improperly downgrading jobs, disregard of reduction-in-force regulations, and illegal separations and removals, indicating that the Civil Service Commission has abdicated its position as protector of the

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merit system and as the enforcement agency of the civil-service laws. Extension of the study to the postal service is justified on the basis of equally strong evidence that the Post Office Department has neglected or ignored many aspects of its management responsibilities.

The resolution would authorize expenditures of \$75,000 to make these studies and investigations.

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